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DIST: 4 NOVEMBER 1994

COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

SUBJ: COMMENTS BY A [REDACTED] GUATEMALAN [REDACTED]
IN THE PRESUMED DEATH OF INSURGENT COMMANDER EFRAIN
BAMACA VELASQUEZ, ALIAS "COMANDANTE EVERARDO"

DOI: [REDACTED]

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: NONE.

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] GUATEMALAN [REDACTED]
WHO WAS [REDACTED] IN QUETZALTENANGO IN 1992 COMMENTED ABOUT
[REDACTED] THE APPARENT DEATH OF INSURGENT COMMANDER EFRAIN
((BAMACA)) VELASQUEZ, ALIAS "COMANDANTE EVERARDO." [REDACTED]

ON 12 MARCH 1992 [REDACTED] HAD AN ARMED ENCOUNTER WITH A
GROUP OF INSURGENTS. TWO INSURGENTS WERE KILLED DURING THE
ENCOUNTER, INCLUDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN INSURGENT COMMANDER
DUE TO HIS AMERICAN CAMOUFLAGED UNIFORM, NEW BOOTS, ICOM RADIO AND
THE WEAPON HE CARRIED. [REDACTED]
COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE INSURGENT COMMANDER. HOWEVER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. THE DEAD
INSURGENT COMMANDER WAS NOT CARRYING ANY IDENTIFICATION AT THE
TIME OF HIS DEATH.

2. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE REPORTED THE CASUALTIES
TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES IN
QUETZALTENANGO, WHO HE ASSUMED TOOK CARE OF BURYING THE BODIES. A
MONTH AFTER THE ARMED ENCOUNTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMED [REDACTED]
THAT [REDACTED] HAD KILLED "EVERARDO" DURING THE
ARMED CONFLICT ON 12 MARCH. AS A RESULT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS NOW CERTAIN THAT THE INSURGENT COMMANDER
KILLED WAS NOT "EVERARDO," [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ARMY
SUBSTITUTED THE BODY OF THE KILLED INSURGENT COMMANDER WITH THAT
OF "EVERARDO," WHO APPARENTLY WAS KILLED IN A SEPARATE LOCATION.
THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A WAY OF COVERING UP ANY EVIDENCE OF TORTURE
WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN USED ON EVERARDO.) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4. AS A RESULT OF THE MAJOR MEDIA PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO
THE BAHACA CASE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT
THE SAME TIME, MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE TOLD TO PROVIDE ANY
ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATE WITH ANY INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE
BAHACA CASE, AS LONG AS THEY ARE PRESENTED WITH A VALID COURT
ORDER.

ACQ: GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA CITY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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